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Presidential Primary L&A . . . Candidate Contact Information

Candidates must be notified of your Logic and Accuracy Test schedule ([WAC 434-335-320](#)). You can find Presidential Primary candidate contact information by using the "Candidates" tab of our [website](#).

Keeping up with the Presidential Primary



Great ideas abound in Basecamp! Counties are sharing their draft ballot formats, outreach ideas, and office signage. Many thanks to everyone who's asked for and provided feedback. For all the "how-to's," see Presidential Primary [Advisories](#) #1 through #8, and join us for the next [Open Mic](#) session.

Open Mic 5 & 6: Upcoming sessions are dedicated to voter intent and consolidated ballots. If you have questions about ballot format or Logic & Accuracy tests, please contact ctsupport@sos.wa.gov. For questions about voter registration or party selection, contact VRSsupport@sos.wa.gov.

Questions of the Day

We've recently received these questions from county election departments.

Q: I have a voter that holds dual citizenship in Canada and the U.S. Are they allowed to register and vote in both countries?



A: Washington State and federal U.S. election laws do not prohibit dual citizens from voting in U.S. elections, as well as participation in elections in their other country of citizenship. As you help voters, you should be clear that you do not know what the other country's laws allow, or what consequences might arise in that other country. Dual citizen voters should also consider whether there may be other consequences of dual voting that they might want to avoid. If in doubt, the voter can check with an attorney.

Q: The Secretary of State issues a statewide Voters' Pamphlet for the Presidential Primary. Do I still need to do a Notice of Election ad?

A: Yes, every county needs to publish a Notice of Election. [RCW 29A.56.040 \(1\)](#) states, ". . . the presidential primary must be conducted in substantially the same manner as a state primary . . .," which includes publishing a Notice of Election.

2016 Elections Conference | Registration Opening April 4th!

The registration date has been pushed back to April 4th to allow the conference committee time to finalize the conference agenda. Room block and registration link along with a draft agenda will be available on Monday, April 4th

USPS News

Postage Cost Decrease

The cost of first class postage is changing to 47 cents as of April 10. Additional ounces for first class mail will go from 22 cents to 21 cents.



[WAC 434-250-200](#) requires you to include the exact amount of postage needed to return ballots. This rule was adopted in 2014 to reflect the USPS's new regulations to reduce insufficient postage on ballots. If your Presidential Primary materials have not been printed, you may change the postage amount to 47 cents. However, because the cost is going down and because of the timing, you do not need to change the amount on your ballot materials for the Presidential Primary.

Earned Value Program

The USPS is again offering the [Earned Value Program](#) this year. What is Earned Value? It is a rebate program for Business Reply Mail and Courtesy Reply Mail. The Program runs this year from April 1 through June 30. Those participating need to sign up by March 31.

Signature Verification Training | Thurston & Whatcom

Both Thurston and Whatcom Counties are hosting signature verification training. Please use the contact information below if you'd like more information or want to attend.

Thurston County

When: Wednesday, April 20 from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Where: [Thurston County Ballot Processing Center](#)

Contact: Tillie Naputi-Pullar via [email](#) or by phone at (360) 786-5408

Whatcom County

When: Tuesday, April 19 from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Where: [Whatcom County Courthouse](#), Room 514

Contact: Diana Bradrick via [email](#) or by phone at (360) 788-5130

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